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April 6, 2021

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**RE: Notice of Temporary State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST0501333 for Vantage Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant, Effective March 24, 2021**

Dear William Cowin:

Your application for a state waste discharge permit for Vantage Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant (Vantage Bay WWTP) was received by this office on January 14, 2021. It was reviewed and accepted as complete on January 28, 2021. A Public Notice of Application was published on February 16, and February 23, 2021, in the Ellensburg Daily Record. The public comment period ended on March 23, 2021, with no comments being received.

Given our limited resources, beyond processing and approving your application, we can't issue a full permit at this time. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-216-070 explains what satisfies the requirement for filing a permit application. WAC 173-216-090 requires publication of a public notice followed by a 30-day comment period. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 90.48.200 states, "In the event of failure of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to act upon an application within 60 days after it has been filed, the applicant shall be deemed to have received a temporary permit. Said permit shall authorize the applicant to discharge wastes into waters of the state as requested in its application only until such time as Ecology shall have taken action upon said application."

Therefore, as RCW 90.48.200 and WAC 173-216-090 provide, your new Temporary Permit became effective **March 24, 2021**, the day following completion of the public notice comment period. It will remain in force for up to five years or until further notice by the Department, whichever occurs first.

Ecology will undertake writing a full permit as time allows. At that time we will contact you to discuss any changes in operation and to do a site visit.

**Your temporary permit consists of the permit application and all appendices submitted with it.** Compliance with the application and the appendices will constitute compliance with the temporary permit.

The Vantage Bay WWTP must notify Ecology 30 days prior to discharging its effluent to groundwater. This notification will allow time for Ecology to generate Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) specific to the parameters listed below.

**The Vantage Bay WWTP will analyze its wastewater for the following:**

Parameter	Sample Location	Frequency	Sample Type
Flow, mgd	Influent or Final Effluent	Continuous	Measurement
pH	Final Effluent	5/week	Grab
Temperature	Final Effluent	Continuous	Measurement
BOD <sub>5</sub>	Influent mg/L	1/week	24-hr Composite
BOD <sub>5</sub>	Influent lbs/day	1/week	Calculation
BOD <sub>5</sub>	Effluent mg/L	1/week	24-hr Composite
BOD <sub>5</sub>	Effluent lbs/day	1/week	Calculation
TSS	Influent mg/L	1/week	24-hr Composite
TSS	Influent lbs/day	1/week	Calculation
TSS	Effluent mg/L	1/week	24-hr Composite
TSS	Effluent lbs/day	1/week	Calculation
TDS	Effluent mg/L	1/week	24-hr Composite
Nitrate (as N)	Effluent mg/L	1/week	Grab
Fecal Coliform	Effluent	1/week	Grab

**The first monitoring period will begin effectively when the Vantage Bay WWTP begins discharging effluent to the rapid infiltration basin.**

This authorization does not allow you to discharge pollutants not specified in your application or appendices, or in quantities exceeding those specified. You are also required to comply with all water pollution laws and regulations.

**Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) Electronic Reporting**

Ecology requests that you register for WQWebDMR, which is Ecology’s electronic data reporting system, and submit your DMRs electronically. To sign up for WQWebDMR (with step-by-step registration instructions and screen shots) at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Water-quality-permits-guidance/WQWebPortal-guidance>. Please feel free to contact Ecology if you have any questions about WQWebDMR.

A new application must be submitted before **March 23, 2026**, if discharge of wastewater is to continue after the five-year term of this temporary permit. Ecology may issue a new permit for

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this discharge at any time. Ecology may request an updated application if a substantial amount of time passes before acting on your original application.

**Permit Fees**

Under the Model Toxics Control Act, codified as RCW 90.48.465, Ecology is required to recover the cost of the Water Quality Permit Program. Ecology has adopted a regulation (Chapter 173-224 WAC) establishing annual permit fees for all municipal/domestic and industrial wastewater discharge permit holders. Your Temporary Permit is subject to this fee. Permit fee billing will be in a separate mailing from the Ecology Fee Unit.

**Appeal Process**

You have the right to appeal this permit within thirty (30) days upon receipt of this document. Pursuant to Chapter 43.21B RCW, your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, and served on the Department of Ecology, within thirty (30) days of the date of your receipt of this document.

If you choose to appeal this action or decision, your notice of appeal must contain: (1) A copy of the permit you are appealing, and (2) A copy of the application for the permit.

Any appeal must contain the following in accordance with the rules of the hearing board:

- a. The appellant’s name and address;
- b. The coverage date and number of the permit appealed;
- c. A description of the substance within the permit that is the subject of the appeal;
- d. A clear, separate, and concise statement of every error alleged to have been committed;
- e. A clear and concise statement of facts which the requester relies to sustain his or her statements of error; and
- f. A statement setting forth the relief sought;
- g. The notice of appeal shall contain a copy of the order or decision appealed from, and if the order or decision followed an application, a copy of the application.

Your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board:

Street Address

Mailing Address

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
1111 Israel Road SW, Suite 301  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Pollution Control Hearings Board  
PO Box 40903  
Olympia, WA 98504-0903

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Your appeal must also be served on the Department of Ecology:

Street Address

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

Mailing Address

Department of Ecology  
Attn: Appeals Processing Desk  
PO Box 47608  
Olympia, WA 98504-7608

In addition, please send a copy of your appeal to:

Keith Primm  
Interim Section Manager/Water Quality Program - CRO  
Department of Ecology  
1250 W. Alder St.  
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact Caleb Bos, your permit manager at 509-454-4103 or [caleb.bos@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:caleb.bos@ecy.wa.gov) .

Sincerely,



Keith Primm  
Interim Section Manager  
Water Quality Program

c: Robert Scott, PLSA of Yakima  
Water Quality Fee Unit, Lacey  
Caleb Bos, Ecology-Union Gap